paid on this amount or the period exceeding as prescribed under the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commissoin; and

(d) if so, the rate of interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) As far as Central Government civilian employees who are governed by CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 are concerned, 10 per cent of the gratuity or Rs. 1000/-, whichever is less, is witheld from the amount payable on account of retirement gratuity, where it is not possible to assess government dues by the time of retirement. The withheld amount automatically becomes payable on the expiry of six months after retirement, unless recovery of a specified sum or sums is ordered within the aforesaid period. There is, no provision for payment of interest on this.

The rules provided for payment of interest where payment of gratuity is delayed in cases not involving disciplinary/judicial proceedings. In the case of retirement on superanuation interest is allowed for the period of delay beyond three months from the date of retirement and in other cases of retirement for the period of delay beyond six months from the date of retirement. The rate of interest is 7 per cent per annum for the first year and 10 per cent thereafter.

Railway employees and Armed Forces personnel are goperned by separate sets of rules administered by the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Defence respectively.

Foreign equity holdings of Hindustan Lever and Johnson and Johnson

534. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign equity holding of Hindustan Lever and Johnson and Johnson;

(b) what per cent of their sales constitutes exports; and

(c) what high priority items do they make, and what per cent of their sales is accounted by these high priority items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

	M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd.	M/s. Johnson & Johnson
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(a) Foreign equity holding including percentage to total equity	Rs, 47·60 crores (51%)	Rs. 1.80 crores (75%)
(b) Exports as a percentage to total sales	10·07 (for the year ended 31-12-90)	1·77 (for the year ended 31-3-91)

1	2	3	4
	(c) Items of high priority and/or items involving sophisticated technology manufactured	Synthetic Detergents fine Chemicals — Inorganic Heavy Chemicals — Industrial Phosphate — Sulphuric Acid Organic Heavy Chemicals — Glycerine — Plant Growth Nutrient Catalyst — Nickel Catalyst — Fluid Crecking Catalyst — Diammonium Phosphate Processed Triglycorides Sapanification and Exteraction of Lye	While submitting its application under Section 29(2) (a) of FERA, 1973, the Company had contended that it was manufacturing certain items of high priority and/or items involving sophisticated technology. The matter is still under examination by Government/Reserve Bank of India.
	Percentage of sales of the above items to total sales	57·90%	This figure cannot be worked out in view of what has been stated above.

Letters of Intent issued to Reliance Group

535. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Letters of Intent and Industrial Licences as on date issued by Government to various companies of Reliance Group to set up new industrial units in the country; and

(b) what are the details in each case and justification therefor in the context of allegations in the press that most of the companies of this Group are mismanged by the Directors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A statement showing the details of letters of intent and industrial licences issued to the Relianc Group of companies since 1988 is attached.

Letters of intent and industrial licences have been issued after due consideration in accordance with the prevailin Industrial Policy and after following the prescribed procedures.

Statement

S. No.	CIL/LOI No. & Date	Name of the Company	Item(s) of manufacture	Location
1	2	3	4	5
A.	INDUSTRIAL LICENCE(S)			
1.	CIL : 266(90)/276(84)/ IL/M dated 26-10-1990	M/s, Reliance Industries Limited	Synthetic Filament Yarn Including Industrial Yarn/Tyre Cord.	Maharashtra